



The State of Maryland
Executive Department

ORDER
OF THE
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND

No. 21-06-15-03

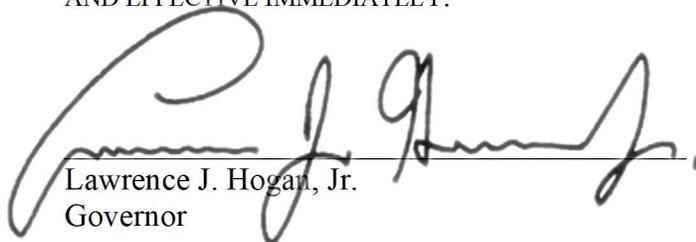
DELAYING EXPIRATION OF NURSING LICENSES

- WHEREAS, A state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency was proclaimed on March 5, 2020, and renewed on March 17, April 10, May 6, June 3, July 1, July 31, August 10, September 8, October 6, October 29, November 25, and December 23, 2020, and January 21, February 19, March 18, April 16, May 12, and June 12, 2021, to control and prevent the spread of COVID-19 within the state, and the state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency still exists;
- WHEREAS, COVID-19, a respiratory disease that spreads easily from person to person and may result in serious illness or death, is a public health catastrophe and has been confirmed throughout Maryland;
- WHEREAS, During the state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency, social distancing can reduce the spread of COVID-19, and is particularly recommended for unvaccinated persons;
- WHEREAS, The State Board of Nursing has yet to fully restore normal business operations as a result of alternative working arrangements and remote interactions with the public in response to the outbreak of COVID-19;
- WHEREAS, The effects of COVID-19's disruption of operations have impacted the timely processing of renewals of expiring licenses, permits, registrations, and other authorizations issued pursuant to Title 8 of the Health Occupations Article of the Maryland Code; and
- WHEREAS, To reduce the threat to human health caused by transmission of COVID-19 in Maryland, and to protect and save lives, it is necessary and reasonable that licenses, permits, registrations, and other authorizations issued pursuant to Title 8 of the Health Occupations Article of the Maryland Code be extended during the state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF MARYLAND, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO TITLE 14 OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE, AND IN AN EFFORT TO CONTROL AND PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 WITHIN THE STATE, DO HEREBY ORDER:

- I. Expiration dates are extended until August 15, 2021, for all licenses, permits, registrations, and other authorizations that are issued by the State Board of Nursing pursuant to Title 8 of the Health Occupations Article of the Maryland Code and that would otherwise:
 - a. Expire prior to August 15, 2021, during the state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency; and
 - b. Be renewable during the state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency under applicable laws and regulations.
- II. General Provisions
 - a. This Order shall terminate at 11:59 p.m. on August 15, 2021.
 - b. The effect of any statute, rule, or regulation of an agency of the State or a political subdivision inconsistent with this Order is hereby suspended to the extent of the inconsistency.
 - c. The underlined paragraph headings in this Order are for convenience of reference only and shall not affect the interpretation of this Order.
 - d. If any provision of this Order or its application to any person, entity, or circumstance is held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, all other provisions or applications of the Order shall remain in effect to the extent possible without the invalid provision or application. To achieve this purpose, the provisions of this Order are severable.

ISSUED UNDER MY HAND THIS 15TH DAY OF JUNE, 2021,
AND EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.



Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor